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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: METHOD FOR TREATING DIABETES

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed January 17, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1 to 36 and rewrite them as new claims 37 to 72 as follows:

A  
*B*  
--37. A method for first line treatment of type 2 diabetes, in a drug naive human patient, which comprises administering to a drug naive human patient in need of treatment, as first line therapy, a low dose of a combination of metformin and glyburide.

*B*  
38. The method as defined in Claim 37 wherein the daily dosage of metformin administered is less than 800 mg.

39. The method as defined in Claim 37 wherein the low dose combination of metformin and glyburide provides at least substantially equivalent efficacy in treating diabetes in drug naive

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